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SUBJECT:TRAVEL OF WHITE HOUSE FELLOWS

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1. WHITE HOUSE FELLOWS FULLY UNDERSTAND DIFFICULTIES SCHEDULING IN ADVANCE WITH KUWAITIS, ESPECIALLY THIS TIME OF YEAR. THEY APPROVE OF GENERAL OUTLINE OF PROGRAM SET FORTH REFTEL AND WOULD CHOOSE ALTERNATIVE A WITH RESPECT TO JULY 25 SCHEDULE.

2. ON ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, GROUP WOULD LIKE TO PAY ALL COSTS OF VISIT PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FROM KUWAIT. FOR THIS PURPOSE, BRUCE HASSENKAMP, THE TOUR LEADER, WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE CASH CHECK AT EMBASSY. GROUP WILL BE TRAVELING ON OFFICIAL PASSPORTS. INDIVIDUALS IN GROUP WILL PAY INDIVIDUAL EXPENSES SUCH AS HOTEL ROOMS AND MEALS THEMSELVES. EMBASSY REQUESTED CHANGE HOTEL RESERVATION TO 7 DOUBLES AND TWO RPT TWO SINGLES.

3. WHERE APPOINTMENTS WITH VIPS ESTABLISHED, COULD EMBASSY
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4. AS REGARDS VISIT TO KOC, FELLOWS POINT OUT THAT THEIR TRAVELS IN US HAVE FAMILIARIZED THEM WITH OIL FIELD OPERATIONS GENERALLY. THEY THEREFORE SUGGEST THAT "TOUR" MENTIONED PARA THREE KUWAIT REFTTEL BE FOCUSED ON THOSE ASPECTS OF KOC OPERATIONS THAT ARE PECULIAR TO KUWAIT.

5. BECAUSE FELLOWS REALIZE DIFFICULTY OF PRECISE SCHEDULING OF APPOINTMENTS IN KUWAIT, THEY WISH TO LEAVE DETERMINATION OF WHOM THEY SHOULD SEE ENTIRELY TO EMBASSY DECISION. HOWEVER, VARIOUS PERSONALITIES HAVE BEEN SUGGESTED TO THEM AS POSSIBILITIES AND THEY SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING NAMES AS BEING OF INTEREST TO THEM IN ADDITION TO OR IN PLACE OF THOSE ALREADY SUGGESTED BY EMBASSY. SHEIK SALEM S. AL SABAH, MINISTER OF LABOR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS; AHMED JARALLAH, EDITOR OF AS-SIYASSA; AND ABDUL LATIF AL-HAMED, DIRECTOR, KUWAIT FUND FOR ARAB ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

6. PETER KROGH, DEAN OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE SCHOOL AT GEORGETOWN, HAS WRITTEN TO DR. HASSAN A. AL-EBRAHEEM, DEAN OF SCHOOL OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, UNIVERSITY OF KUWAIT, SUGGESTING HE AND HIS FRIENDS MEET WITH FELLOWS AND ASKING HIM TO COORDINATE WITH EMBASSY. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO CONTACT DEAN IN THIS CONNECTION.

7. ALSO POSSIBLE SUGGESTION IS DESALINATION PLANT. THIS WOULD BE LOW PRIORITY SUBSTITUTE FOR SOMETHING ELSE.

8. SUGGEST AMBASSADOR'S DINNER OR RECEPTION INCLUDE SELECTED YOUNG KUWAITI PROFESSIONALS, JOURNALISTS, AND CIVIL SERVANTS IF AL-EBRAHEEM IS NOT PLANNING TO BRING FELLOWS AND SIMILAR GROUP TOGETHER.

9. PLEASE KEEP DEPARTMENT ADVISED ON DEVELOPMENTS. INGERSOLL

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